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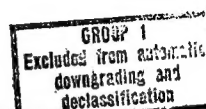
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5. One of the most important problems facing the Division is the matter of staff. The present staff is getting older; there are more men now over 50 than under 50. This results in an increasing number of medical holds and reluctance on the part of the examiners to make extended TDY trips. As older members of the staff retire the Division is losing language capabilities. Several language speakers were recently lost, and languages in which interviews may be conducted have declined from ten to eight. The number of examiners speaking a useful foreign language has declined from During the past year three new operators were trained, but only one has a useful foreign language. Mr. Osborne noted that they basically require candidates with an aptitude for the polygraph and it is then necessary to tack a language onto a successful operator.

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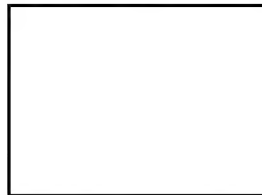
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Another problem has been long TDY trips for singleton interviews. Efforts are being made to keep these to an absolute minimum, but operational requirements continue to necessitate spot trips.

Equipment is old and requires updating. Some newer models of the polygraph have been obtained and the Division is working closely with ORD/S&T on improving the equipment. Research is being undertaken by the Texas Research Institution for Mental Science in the area of galvanometers. Research is also going forward on the application of computers to the reading of polygraph charts. Mr. Osborne pointed out, however, that improved machines will not cut down the work, but should enable the operator to do a better job by providing him with clearer readings.

6. The briefing concluded at 1600 hours.



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